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POSTAL STRIKE HITS TRADERS IN THE POCKET

MANAGERS were hauling mail sacks last week as the national Royal Mail strike hit the area.

A worker in Canterbury's main post office said they had to deal with angry customers who wanted their mail delivered on time.

The employee said: "Some people have been quite angry because they really want their mail delivered and we just can't get it there."

"On Thursday, someone sent a normal letter by Parcel Force, which is not affected by the strike. It cost £15.50, but they really needed it to get there. People were spending loads of money to get their mail out."

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

Workers said many people avoided the Post Office completely during the strike.

One employee said: "Thursday and Friday were really quiet. We think that most people think the Post Office is on strike as well as Royal Mail. A lot of people just weren't coming in. It is really strange for this time of year."

But nearly all of the daily collections went ahead as managers drove in to pick up the mail.

Some Canterbury Post Office workers, who have not had a pay rise this year, empathise with the strikers. One Post Office employee said: "They've

just got to do what they've got to do."

The director of TheWhitingPost.com, a mail-order clothing company based in Whitstable, is less sympathetic. He is out of pocket because of the strike forced him to find more expensive delivery alternatives.

He said: "We have had to find alternatives for important parcels. The smaller packages which we can't afford to send any other way other than through the post office have been delayed."

"It is more expensive for us to send things out because of the strike. We are sending some mail by courier, but also by the Royal Mail's guaranteed next-day delivery."

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Picture JENNY ARMSTRONG

FOUNDATION GIVES HOPE TO HOMELESS

The Scrine Foundation was founded in 1991 to help people who are homeless and unemployed to re-integrate with mainstream society. It has 55 staff, and runs open centres in Canterbury and Thanet, as well as managing supported housing and a youth project. From November 2, Scrine will no longer receive council funding, following a long-term review of its services by KCC.

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Drink deliveries 'won't add to booze nuisance'

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

BOOZE Brothers businessman Adam Timcke has hit back at accusations that his drinks delivery business will fuel out-of-control student parties.

The entrepreneur decided to set up his company after Liquid Friends, a similar service which he worked for, closed down in June.

The business will deliver beer, wine, Champagne, cigarettes, soft-drinks and snacks in Canterbury until 4am, and had its licence granted on October 23.

But Booze Brothers was criticised by a city councillor who wrote to the police asking them to object to the proposed business.

Councillor Nick Eden-Green said the business would have trouble checking it was not selling to drunk or under-age people.

But Mr Timcke, who recently finished an MA in History at the University of Kent, said: "It is clear to see that the councillor has failed to do his research properly."

Professional

"If he had taken time to read the licence application that was put into the council then he would have seen the measures we have put forward to solve this problem."

Mr Timcke said that alcohol will only change hands after identification has been checked, and the driver will sign the receipt to say this has been done.

Councillor Eden-Green also said student parties were a perennial nuisance, and deliveries to them would add to the noise and disorder.

But 22-year-old Mr Timcke said that Booze Brothers aimed to deliver a professional service to working people as well as students, and would not



PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: Adam Timcke

serve those already intoxicated.

He said: "We want to join Pub watch, so if anyone has made complaints about a party to the police we can hear about it, and we won't deliver to that house."

"If it is clear that people are overly intoxicated, we won't deliver to them, because at the end of the day we want to deliver a professional service, not one that is going to be associated with that sort of thing."

The entrepreneur also said his business could help prevent drink-driving, because people who were drinking at home and had run out of alcohol could call on his service rather than break the law by driving to find more.

Booze Brothers will begin deliveries in the Canterbury area in a week's time.

'It has a massive effect on people'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"Between them the managers and the workers should have been able to sort something out, because it has a massive effect on all sorts of people."

"They will lose business if they don't sort it out. There are so many alternatives out there that it is going to cause them more damage."

Postal workers are due to strike again on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bright idea to help keep children safe

KENT Highway Services launched its Be Bright, Be Seen campaign last week at St Mary's Church of England Primary School in Chilham.

Children were presented with reflectors by Heart FM presenters James Heming and Gemma Shepherd.

The campaign was launched in time for the half-term holidays and the clocks going back which will mean darker journeys to and from school.

The campaign aims to encourage children to attach a reflector to their school bag or coat to make them more visible.

For more information visit www.kentroadsafety.info/walksafe.

Spooky supper will support sanctuary

A SPOOKY Halloween supper is on the menu for supporters of the Lord Whisky animal sanctuary.

There will be lots of entertainments and ghostly games. Fancy dress is optional, but strongly encouraged.

The supper is at the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms in Rhodes Minnis at 7pm on Saturday, October 31.

Tickets are £12 and guests should bring their own alcohol. To book call 01303 862 622.

Fright night with the West Gate witches

GHOULISH fun will be had at the West Gate Towers this weekend – for those who dare.

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Homeless 'will die' when shelter closes

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

'HOMELESS people will die' – this is the stark warning from one of Canterbury's rough-sleepers in the face of the Scrine Foundation's imminent closure.

The Scrine Foundation, which runs a homeless shelter in Station Road East in Canterbury, will close its doors on November 1, after Kent County Council removed funding from the charity.

Adam Bloor, a young homeless man who uses the shelter, said: "If this place closed down, most people who are homeless would die because they wouldn't have enough food."

And Canterbury's homeless stand to lose more than the charity's night shelter.

While the centre is closed, homeless people will no longer get the two meals a day provided by Scrine, free laundry services, showers, drinking water and toilets that organisers say are essential to survive and maintain dignity.

According to Scrine, there is only one public toilet that is always open, and it is not clear whether the water from the taps is drinkable.

Porchlight, the Ashford-based charity which has taken over from Scrine, has so far put up ten people who used the shelter in supported accommodation in the city.

It has also promised to take on 14 of Scrine's 50 staff, who will be made redundant, and has taken over administration of its housing stock.

Homeless people will be able to use this, but not on an emergency basis as some have used the night shelter.

Dennis Evans, Scrine's vice chairman to the to



SQUARE MEAL: Rough-sleepers will have to look elsewhere for food when Scrine Foundation shelter closes its doors

the board of trustees, said: "Some of the people that we help are very challenging. They are not able to conform and are not welcomed in some areas. Their chances of being accommodated are not great. They are probably going to have to sleep rough."

"I try not to think about what they will have to do to cope because it's so upsetting. I don't know how they are going to survive."

Mr Bloor has been homeless for two months, but has been on and off the streets for three years.

He said: "I'm sleeping on the streets, and I sofa-surf. It's very uncomfortable. If I've spent the

night on the streets I can come here in the morning, have a shower, put my clothes in the wash, have something to eat, and then I'm ready to go on with the day, to sort my life out."

"If I didn't come here I would give up hope. It is this place that gives you hope if you are sleeping rough."

Scrine's organisers would like to re-open the night shelter as an open centre, which would provide meals, laundry and washing facilities. They are appealing for volunteers, cash donations and non-perishable foods.

To get in touch with Scrine email gmarsh@scrine.org.

7,000-mile cycle captured on film

CANTERBURY filmmaker Leon McCarron is getting on his bike for a cycle ride across North America and Australasia, filming a new documentary.

Dubbing himself the Cycling Reporter, he will be riding 7,000 miles with just one rule – he can't turn down an interview with anyone.

On Monday, February 15 next year, the 23-year-old former University of Kent student, who works at the Gulbenkian, will cycle out of New York City, crossing the US and Canada to Los Angeles.

From there Leon will make his way to New Zealand and travel the length of the country before pedalling across eastern Australia.

During his journey he'll interview people he meets and film his experiences.

He said: "Travelling by bicycle makes it very easy to interact with the communities I encounter."

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Archbishop's treasures are found in river

MYSTERY surrounds the discovery in a river of religious artifacts which belonged to a former Archbishop of Canterbury.

A haul of 32 artifacts, including gifts from Pope Paul VI and a commemorative medallion presented for the Queen's coronation in 1952, have been recovered from the River Wear, in Durham.

They had been in the possession of Michael Ramsey, the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury who was in the post from 1961 until 1974, and who spent part of his retirement in the northern city before his death in 1988, aged 83.

One theory is that he may have cast the items into the water himself, having a reputation for eccentricity in his later years.

Another suggestion is that they may have been stolen before being discarded by thieves for some reason as they crossed a bridge.

The objects, some solid gold, were discovered by amateur divers Trevor Bankhead and his brother Gary, a fire service watch officer, over the past two and a half years.

They conducted 300 dives and believe there are no objects left on the river bed after their last find on Sunday.

Residents fight for the right to share common space

A BATTLE for communal living is being waged on behalf of the elderly residents of Ellen Court, whose homes are due to be torn down.

Ellen Court, a sheltered housing block built in 1973, is earmarked for demolition as it no longer meets the Government's decent homes standard, because the 18 people who lived there had to share kitchens and bathrooms.

At a meeting on October 20, the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the current housing be demolished and eight two-bedroom flats and seven one-bedroom bungalows be built instead.

Yet its elderly residents beg to differ, and through their local councillor Brian Staley (pictured), have fought tooth and nail to maintain a communal way of life, pushing hard for a

lounge the residents can share. Cllr Staley, who represents Littlebourne ward, is disappointed with the council which, he says, has not carried out enough consultation.

He also claims the council have not been amenable to providing a communal area to people who live there, which he feels is very important to older people.

The councillor said: "I know it is what the people want."

"I have got the support of the parish council and a number of members of older people's groups."

"I think because we have made a song and a dance about it, they have to accede to our wishes on this, but we have still got to fight to make sure it happens."



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Happy ending as stray Tinkerbelle is found safe

WITH pantomime season just around the corner, happy endings are always welcome – especially one for Tinkerbelle the dog, an 18-month-old Shih Tzu cross.

Tinkerbelle was found straying around the Gates Service Station, on the A2 near Dunkirk, by a member of the public.

Swale council officers came to collect Tinkerbelle, and after checking her microchip details found that she was registered to an address in Surrey.

After contacting the owners, it was discovered that she had gone missing from her home in Coulsdon about 10 days earlier.

Officers took Tinkerbelle to Jasmil Kennels and her owners arranged to collect her from there. However, how she got from Surrey to Kent will remain a mystery

Man uninjured after car hits wall and catches fire

A DRIVER escaped death when his car smashed into a garden wall and caught fire.

Emergency services were called just before 12.30am on Sunday, October 18 when a Vauxhall Corsa hit the wall on Sturry Hill, Canterbury.

The 20-year-old Folkestone man got out of the car as it ignited, and only had to be taken to hospital for a check-up.

He was arrested for driving whilst unfit and has been bailed until December 16.

Christmas sales to raise money for stray cats

CATS Protection is holding two Christmas fairs selling cards, calendars and more.

The events are at the United Reform Hall on Herne Bay High Street between 10am and 3pm on Saturday, November 7 or St Alphege's Church on Whitstable High Street between 9am and noon on Saturday, November 21.

Bid to ban legal highs gets mixed reactions

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

LEGAL highs are available over the counter in Canterbury, yet many know very little about these potentially-dangerous drugs.

The substances BZP and GBL, commonly known as legal or herbal highs, have come under the spotlight recently as the Home Office pledged to ban them by the end of the year after so-called 'party drugs' were linked to a number of deaths.

Third Eye, in Canterbury High Street, sells substances promising to act as stimulants, hallucinogens and aphrodisiacs, but they are accompanied by health warnings and heavy disclaimers.

A spokesman for Third Eye said: "We sell legal highs. They are legal at the moment, so if they do become illegal we are not going to be very happy about it because we do quite well with them."

"I don't think they should be banned. Some of them are chemicals, but a lot of them do contain herbal extracts, so they are not really that bad. I think they should study them more to be more certain."

Legal highs have also caused controversy because their contents are not always clear, either to the people who take them, or to health professionals.

When Yourcanterbury asked high street shoppers what they knew about the drugs, very few felt able to comment. Those over university age were particularly clueless, with many unaware of the concept.

Students Abi Higgins and Colin Davidson said: "I had heard that some of them might be banned. I haven't heard of BZP or GBL though."

"We tried one spiff of legal highs and it didn't really do anything. Legal highs have a bit of a reputation for being rubbish."

"You don't know what's in them. Doctors know what is in cannabis. The problem with legal highs is you don't know how strong they're going to be."

A spokesman for Third Eye said: "I don't know what they are planning to achieve by taking them off the market, but people will just take alternatives I think."

"We don't sell GBL or BZP – we haven't seen BZP in a long time. We used to sell it, but last year the Home Office got involved and most of the companies we got them from stopped selling them. It is all BZP alternatives now."



GPs to start swine flu jab programme



SWINE flu jabs have been rolled out across the area and those most at risk can get their vaccination.

Frontline healthcare staff, pregnant women and vulnerable patients in hospitals have been receiving the anti-flu jabs since last Wednesday.

During November, GPs will receive deliveries of the vaccination and will invite those deemed to be most at risk from the disease to be inoculated.

Individuals under 65 who are already in the seasonal flu risk groups will be vaccinated first, then all preg-

nant women, next household contacts of those with compromised immune systems and finally those over 65 who are already thought at risk of seasonal flu.

In the week before the immunisation programme reached the Canterbury area rates of flu-like illness reported to GPs in the area dropped to 21.1 per 100,000 of the population compared with 28.3 per 100,000 the week before.

Across England there was a small increase, with a rate of 28.5 per 100,000 rising to 31.3 per 100,000.



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SEAVIEW: An application for new 120-caravan site has been met with 42 written complaints from neighbours

Caravans blot on landscape, say residents

A PLAN to site 120 new caravans at a holiday park between Whitstable and Herne Bay has upset people living nearby.

Seaview Holiday Park bosses want to site the new caravans, and build associated parking, access roads and landscaping, near a field that used to contain 168 holiday chalets, almost all of which have been demolished.

The planning application has seen 42 written objections sent to the council, most from neighbours living in nearby Colewood Road, Coastguard Cottages and Russell Drive.

Concerns

Householders object on grounds of extra noise and traffic because of more people using the site, the impact of caravans on views, the loss of wildlife and concerns that one of the few green spaces separating Whitstable and Herne Bay would be lost.

Nick Widdows, who lives in nearby Russell Drive, said: "I don't want to lose our green belt, as small as it is, between Herne Bay and Whitstable. What they are offering in terms of a green belt is just the Whitstable Road, which isn't a green belt at all."

Mari Shackell who lives in Whitstable said: "These will be holiday units which will only be used for part of the year, possibly only for a few weeks in the summer."

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

"For this we are being asked to sacrifice a much-loved natural resource which is currently enjoyed all year round. This simply does not make sense."

Other concerns included the potential strain on the sewage system after it overflowed into nearby housing some years ago, the fact that the land is liable to flooding and the proposed extension to the park's boatyard.

Park Holidays UK Ltd, which owns the site, said: "The caravans will not be out of keeping with their surroundings and will have no impact on residential amenity or environmental concerns."

"The proposals for new static caravan development do not materially enlarge the size of the park. This is because the proposed caravans are in effect a replacement of the old chalets on the part of the site most at risk from tidal flooding."

"Furthermore, the proposals do not extend the existing site boundaries."

Some objectors are disenchanted members of the Swalecliffe Chalet Owner's Association whose 1950s buildings formerly on the site were demolished a number of years ago.

A High Court ruling had granted conservation status to the brightly-painted dwellings, but English Heritage refused to protect them as they were too small.

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Animated talk at festival

KING Kong, Mars Attacks and Rupert Bear are all the work of Barry Purves – an animator who will soon visit Canterbury.

Mr Purves appeared at the city's Anifest, a festival celebrating animation, last year, and is back by popular demand.

In 1978 he joined Cosgrove Hall, which became one of Europe's biggest animation studios, and worked on classics such as Postman Pat, Wind in the Willows and cult classic Dangermouse.

He worked on Tim Burton's Mars Attacks and the recent King Kong blockbuster. His work has seen him pick up more than 60 international awards.

Mr Purves is returning to Canterbury to mark the birthday of Rupert Bear, a recent project, and will visit the popular character's museum in the city on Saturday, November 7.

On Sunday, November 8, he will appear at the Gulbenkian Theatre for a talk and question and answer session about the secrets of an animator's work.

For Anifest tickets call the Gulbenkian box office on 01227 769 075.

Harvest nuts for wildlife

WILDWOOD Animal Park is offering children free tickets in exchange for help harvesting autumn nuts for their animals.

A lot of the park's animals eat native nuts, but they are falling from the trees faster than Wildwood's keepers can collect them.

They want help harvesting the nuts to make sure the animals have enough to eat during the winter, and every child who fills a carrier bag gets to return to the park free.

Adults can help too, and members who fill a bag will get a special prize. Harvesters are asked not to feed the animals as the wrong food can make them ill, and not to eat the nuts, as they can make people sick.

Wildwood is on the A291 between Canterbury and Herne Bay.

Road closed after accident

THE Thanet Way near Whitstable had to be closed on Saturday afternoon after a car crashed into a barrier at the side of the road.

The smash was at 2.30pm on the coast-bound carriageway of the A299, but the whole road was closed in case the air ambulance had to be deployed.

It is thought the man's Volkswagen Golf hit the barrier because he became ill whilst driving. He was taken to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital where he is in a stable condition.



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Great Dane robbery: man charged

DAISY, a Harlequin Great Dane stolen from her 85-year-old owner last Friday in Canterbury, was returned safe and well five days later.

Witnesses saw a blonde girl in her late teens drag the dog away from her owner, Tony Hickson, at 2pm on Palace Street.

Police received an anonymous tip-off as to Daisy's whereabouts soon after volunteers flooded Canterbury with posters and went to local traveller sites and spoke to helpful inhabitants.

The Great Dane was found at an address in Sittingbourne. A 16-year-old girl was let off with a caution and a 61-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of theft.

Daisy was returned to her delighted owner at 7.15pm on Wednesday, October 21. Mr Hickson and his family would like to thank the Great Dane Owner's Forum and the DogLost website for all their help.



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The modern relevance of poppy appeals



■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

WITH the continued deaths of British servicemen in Afghanistan, this year's poppy appeal for fallen fighters is ever more poignant.

The appeal was launched on Thursday by the Royal British Legion with the slogan "For their sake, wear a poppy".

Since 2001, more than 220 members of the Armed Forces – including soldiers from Kent – have been killed in Afghanistan, and more than 300 troops have been wounded in Helmand Province alone.

In decades past, we bought poppies to remember those who fell in two world wars and other conflicts.

Tragedies

But the tragedies suffered by the families of those men and women is now being shared in these new modern day battles.

Along with the dead, thousands more have been hurt in Iraq, many with brutal injuries.

During the launch ceremony, hosted by the chairman of Kent County Council, John Davies, representatives from active serving units across the county, many of whom have served in Afghanistan and Iraq, were formally presented the first poppies of the 2009 Appeal.

This was done by school children from St Paul's and Benenden Primary Schools who handed each veteran a poppy.

Those that have fallen in Kent in recent years include Flight Sgt Gary Andrews, 48, from Tankerton, who was with 120 Squadron RAF; Sgt Dave Wilkinson, 33, from Ashford, with 19 Regiment Royal Artillery; Major Alexis Roberts, 32, with 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles; Lance Corporal Jake Alderton, 22, from Bexley, with 36 Engineer Regiment; Lance Corporal James Johnson, 31, from Chatham, with 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland, and Captain Ben Babington-Browne, 27, from Maidstone, who



REMEMBER: Poppy appeal has been launched by the Royal British Legion with slogan "For their sake, wear a poppy"

was with 22 Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers.

Royal British Legion county manager, Geoff Simpson, said: "The two weeks of Remembrancetide provide a time when we can honour the memory of those who have died."

"However, in remembering the dead, we must not forget the living, particularly those who have had their lives shattered by dreadful wounding, or the loss of a loved one."

"The funds raised through our annual poppy appeal help provide emotional and financial support for servicemen and their families, who are trying to rebuild their lives."

"The people of Kent generously donated just over £1 million during last year's poppy appeal."

"However, we see daily increases in the number of people turning to us for help."

"The support we have given this year has been extensive – from funding a laptop that

allowed a young ex-soldier suffering from post traumatic stress disorder to order his shopping online and keep in contact with his family, to helping an estranged wife and her three children move out of a women's refuge and into a rented home of their own. For their sake, wear a poppy."

Because of the ever-growing number of casualties, the Legion said the focus of this year's appeal is to help what it called "the Afghan generation" of the Armed Forces and their families.

Since 2003, the Legion has financially assisted 10,000 Middle East veterans, and helped win £7.5m additional compensation paid to the most seriously injured heroes.

It has also provided £1.8m for combat stress to provide treatment for mental traumas, provided housing and employment, and even adventure breaks and family holidays to hundreds of veterans, all of whom saw action in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Fatal crash outside of village church

A WOMAN has died following a car crash outside a village church.

The accident, which involved a silver Peugeot and a Mondeo, happened at about 9.30am on Thursday on the A26 Tonbridge Road at Watlington, near Maidstone.

It is thought the 48-year-old, from Gravesend, was trapped inside her vehicle following the crash, which was attended by staff from all three emergency services.

Pedigree puppies stolen during raid

THIEVES made off with nine cocker spaniels after breaking into kennels on a village industrial estate.

Four black-and-white puppies and five adults were stolen during the raid in Iwade, near Sittingbourne, which took place between October 14-15.

The estimated value of the dogs – none of which were micro-chipped – is about £4,000.

Lifeboat rescued skilled Dutch sailor

A DUTCH sailor rescued after his boat suffered engine failure said he was sad to have called for help after 40 years' experience of sailing.

The owner said he was pleased to see the Dover lifeboat come to the aid of his small angling boat, which had been drifting in the north-east shipping lane on passage to The Netherlands.

Deputy Second Coxswain Mark Finnis led the RNLI lifeboat out of Dover just after 1pm on Monday, October 19, to the disabled vessel, which was 11 miles out of port.

The stricken seven-metre water-jet angling boat, together with its single occupant, was then towed to Dover Marina.

Mr Finnis said: "Conditions in the Channel were moderate and the boat was drifting in the nautical equivalent of the M25."

"Everything went well and the gentleman was last seen boarding a ferry to go home, leaving his new boat in Dover."

Large driving fine

A POLISH motorist has been handed Kent's largest ever fine of £7,500 for twice being caught driving a dangerously overweight lorry on the M20.

Janaszcz appeared before Sevenoaks magistrates this morning, when he was also ordered to pay £85 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge on top of the mammoth fine.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

TIM YOUNG



Q How did you become interested in making stained glass?

A I left school when I was 16 and worked as a landscape gardener for three months and hated it. There was a studio along the Littlebourne Road which was called The Stained Glass Studio and was run by Mike Boothroyd. I worked there for four years making leaded lights and all-round things. When I left there, I worked for Canterbury Cathedral for 12 years as a Stained glass glazier. My work entailed removing the panels out of the Cathedral and into the conservation studio, where the conservators did their work. After the stained glass had been conserved, I then re-fitted it into position. I had to get the panels out of the building and into the workshop where the conservators did their work, and then I got it back into the cathedral and back into position.

I worked on the Chapter House, which took seven years to do. I did a large percentage of the secondary glazing, which is the clear glazing round the Nave and the top end of the Cathedral. The Cathedral also does commission work, so I went to most of the Cathedrals and Churches in Kent over the 12 years I was there. After I was made redundant, my close friend, Sid Solloway, helped me to start my own business.

We called it Glass and Things because we did anything basically. It went from terrariums, a cross between a plant-pot and a green-

house used by the navy to bring plants back from expeditions, to mirrors to pubs to whatever.

Our claim to fame is we worked on the refurbishment of St Pancras train station. We did both sides of the platform and across the back, as they needed specialised glaziers for the doors and windows.

Q How has business been?

A We opened seven or eight years ago and it has been great until a couple of years ago when the credit crunch hit. We used to have three employees here and we've unfortunately had to lose all of them, and we are now back to me, the wife and Sid.

Business is gradually picking up at the moment, but stained glass is a luxury item – people either want their window or they don't want it and sometimes they can live without it. As for the cut-sized glass, we have our regulars who know we are here, but other people don't know we exist, which is quite sad really.

Q What is the secret to beautiful stained glass?

A I suppose it is the materials and the design at the end of the day. We always say to people we don't have to like the design. They come in with their idea and we make what they want. We don't even choose the colours. We

hold their hands for the colours of the glass but we always say we don't have to wake up to it in the morning.

My wife and I don't have any stained glass in our house at all. The sole reason is I doubt we could ever agree to a design or a colour that we would go for. People come in here, they bring in their ideas and we do what they ask for.

Q If you could take on any project with stained glass, what would it be?

A An entire stately home would be nice, with leaded lights and stained glass. But we really like Joe Bloggs who walks in the door with their one-off stained glass panel for their front door or for their entrance hall.

We've done some quirky things in the past. We've done a pair of shoes in glass as a shoe company wanted some stained glass shoes to sit on a table-top to advertise with. We did a terrarium that was four foot long, two foot tall by three foot wide, and that weighed a tonne! Our catchphrase is that we can do anything in glass, so in that way it can be quite strange.

Q How often is the glass in the cathedral replaced?

A They have a full-time team of conservators working on it continuously – it's a bit like the Forth Bridge. • Glass and Things has started running workshops for those interested in making their own stained glass. Prices are £10 per hour, or £50 to £75 for a 10am to 4pm course, not including materials.

Q & A

Glass and Things owner Tim Young talks to reporter **Jenny Armstrong** about the art of making stained glass windows, the special projects he's been involved with during his career and business since the recession



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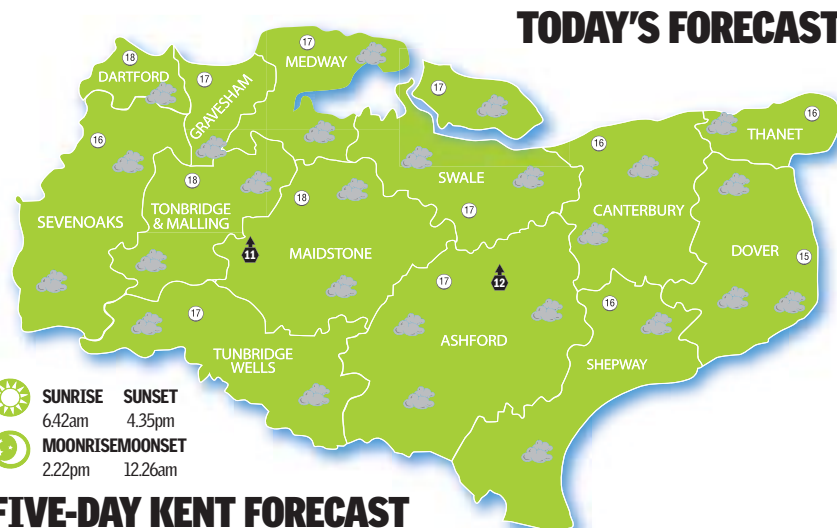
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Dungeness	Saturday	9:06am	6.9m
	Sunday	9:46am	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:34am	4.6m
	Sunday	10:07am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:29am	5.3m
	Sunday	11:12am	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:28am	4.9m
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Drivers swerve away from vehicle going wrong way

A DRIVER travelling in the wrong direction on the Thanet Way prompted more than a dozen shocked drivers to call the police.

A silver car was being driven towards London in the fast lane of the coast-bound carriageway just after midday on Saturday, October 17 between Herne Bay and the Chestfield tunnel.

Several bewildered drivers had to swerve out of the way of the car, which is reported not to have been travelling very fast.

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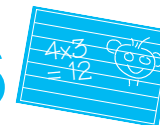
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BREAK TIME

Artistic flair blooms at festival parade

HANDMADE blooms created by pupils of Sturry's Spires Academy graced Canterbury Festival's opening parade last weekend.

Children created the three-dimensional South American flowers with the help of artists who visited the school for a festival workshop.

Students also crafted silk banners and headdresses with a blue, green and purple colour scheme and then carried their creations through the town for the Festival Carnival Parade.

The pupils' hard work will go towards their BTEC qualifications, and the artwork will be put on display at the school.

Uni reels you in for cinema exhibition

CINEMATIC fan magazines, postcards and posters are all part of an exhibition celebrating the history of cinema-going at the University of Kent.

There will even be early film cameras and projectors for film enthusiasts' perusal at the Templeman Library Gallery on campus until November 6.

The display, entitled 'Continuous Performance', shows objects from 1891 to 1920, and highlights Britain's early cinematic habits.

By 1917 British cinemas were selling 21 million tickets a week with attendance seven times larger than it is today. The exhibition shows how England's new cinemas were also popular with courting couples who took advantage of their 'four penn'orth o' dark'.



A EUROPEAN FLAVOUR: Teachers from primary schools across Europe congregated for a one-day event in canterbury to share findings from the Eating Abroad Together project

Healthy, cultural conference

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

HEALTHY eating for children was the theme of an international conference which took place in Canterbury's Christ Church University earlier this month.

The occasion marked the culmination of a two-year project where primary schools across Europe shared local recipes and traditions, explored cultural similarities and differences, local customs and old wives' tales through web blogs and video.

Teachers from the schools congregated for the one-day event to share findings from the Eating Abroad Together project on Friday, October 16. The scheme's aim is to promote awareness of other languages and cultures by discussing healthy eating.

Four Kent primary schools were involved

and children researched healthy eating habits with support from student teachers and child nursing students from Christ Church University.

The English schools have been collaborating with 16 other primary schools in Italy, the Netherlands, Bulgaria and Romania.

Paul Grainger, from Learning Opportunities, said: "The whole project has been brilliant and the kids have loved it."

"Seeing how other people have delivered their ideas today has been extremely interesting. The information I have received has been brilliant and I can't wait to take it back to the school."

The data has now been collected, translated into different languages and put on a multilin-

gual website where it can be used by teachers and health professionals all over Europe.

People using the site can create recipe booklets, games, teaching resources and health and language activity packs for youngsters throughout the continent.

The conference also featured experts' workshops on healthy eating habits and new language-teaching methods for primary school children.

Pam Tipping, the project's manager, said: "The project and the conference have been fantastic. It has exceeded all my expectations and the feedback has been very positive."

Eating Abroad Together was funded by the European Union and was managed by the University's Centre for Enterprise and Business development.

To read the conferences findings go to www.eatingabroadtogether.eu.

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QUESTION: What do you think about the zero-tolerance policy adopted in New York?

Patricia Burton, Folkestone

ANSWER: The concept of zero-tolerance policing was made famous in the mid-90s by New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and works on the assumption that by quickly and firmly addressing minor problems within a locality, a strong message is sent out that more serious crime will not be tolerated.

However, this approach has attracted criticism for removing officer discretion and unnecessarily criminalising large numbers of local people, and there is still much debate among criminologists as to its effectiveness at actually reducing levels of crime.

Kent Police are committed to dealing with low-level crime and antisocial behaviour, and we target this through our local neighbourhood policing teams and the recently-introduced neighbourhood task teams. I strongly believe we need to achieve this in partnership with local communities and that my officers need to retain the ability to exercise discretion and use their own common sense – something the public would quite rightly expect.

QUESTION: Can you explain why for many years your officers have allowed hundreds of speeding motorcyclists to use the roads in and out of Tenterden every summer weekend as a virtual TT course?

Not only are they a menace to themselves, but to pedestrians and all other road-users as well. I have complained to the previous holder of your position, but nothing was ever done and I certainly have never seen a speed trap on our local roads.

Steps should, in my view, be taken now to prepare a rude awakening for these lawless idiots in time for next summer.

Peter Lake, Tenterden

ANSWER: Kent Police take the issue of speeding motorcyclists very seriously. In the Ashford district, which includes Tenterden, this important issue is treated as a priority in a number of wards following feedback from the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) processes in both rural and urban areas.

The subject of speeding motorcyclists forms part of our daily business and is incorporated into our 'You said, we did' information campaigns. Since the beginning of last month, 26 rural-road checks have been completed in the Tenterden area, resulting in 46 drivers being dealt with for a variety of offences.

In addition, a specialist motorbike team patrols areas where problems are identified and provides advice to riders. Its role specifically focuses on reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads, but also addresses antisocial behaviour by riders.

QUESTION: We are continually being told the crime rate is falling, but is that because the public feels reporting offences is pointless as the police appear disinterested?

Patricia Burton, Folkestone

ANSWER: Kent Police set priorities to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime. We achieve this by ensuring our emergency response patrols react to calls for assistance that need immediate attendance. Kent Police's Initial Crime Investigation Unit deals with all reports of crime that do not require the immediate attendance of a patrol. The unit consists of 60 investigators providing a round-the-clock service. The staff have specialised training to enable them to provide a quality investigation at the first point of contact with the caller, ensuring each caller receives the best possible service. At local level we have seen a marked increase in the number of crimes attended by police.

Antisocial behaviour and crime put in the spotlight

A THREE-WEEK crack-down on crime and antisocial behaviour was launched by Kent Police this week, *writes Jane Barlow*.

It will run until November 8 and will give the message that illegal and nuisance behaviour will not be tolerated while at the same time reassuring people the police and many other organisations are working together to make their communities safer.

During the three weeks, Kent Police will be working with local councils, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch, Clean Kent, the Probation Service, the Kent and Medway Camera Safety Partnership, Kent County Council and the Medway Unitary Authority.

The campaign will focus on three themes:

- Crime and disorder – this will include action to reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour associated with Halloween and fireworks
- Antisocial use of vehicles – this will include specialist patrols targeting those motorists who put lives at risk by speeding, using mobile phones while driving, not wearing seatbelts, or by driving uninsured, unroad-worthy, untaxed vehicles. Patrols will also target nuisance off-road motorcycling
- Environmental antisocial behaviour – activities will aim to improve the environment through the removal of graffiti, rubbish and abandoned and untaxed vehicles and the identification of individuals or companies responsible for flytipping.

Inspector Phil Hibben, who is co-ordinating police efforts across the county, said: "Antisocial behaviour and crime can have a significant impact on people's quality of life."

"During these three weeks the police will be working closely with local councils and other



COORDINATOR: Inspector Phil Hibben

agencies to tackle the issues that matter most to local people and bring offenders to justice.

"The darker evenings and a seasonal rise in casualties on the roads will mean we will also be targeting drivers who pose the greatest risk to other road-users."

"Specialist officers will be identifying and prosecuting drivers who drive in an antisocial manner."

Part of the campaign, called Operation Velo, will see police officers going out on their bikes rather than in patrol cars to speak with members of the public.

When Operation Velo ran at the end of August it resulted in 900 engagements with youngsters, who were given road safety advice.

The campaign will also include Operation Cubit, which is coordinated by KCC and removes untaxed and abandoned vehicles from the roads. The campaign also takes in Not In My Neighbourhood Week, which runs nationally from November 2-6.

During the three weeks, action planned across the county includes:

- In Maidstone PCSOs will be visiting shops selling fireworks to remind retailers about the law.
- Dover officers will be tackling inconsiderate parking outside schools.
- In Gravesend and Dartford, meetings will be held with retailers, at which Trading Standards and Kent Police will give advice.
- Ashford police officers will be going into secondary schools to speak about the dangers of playing with fireworks and about road safety. PCSOs will be recording number-plates of drivers not wearing seatbelts or using mobile phones at the wheel.

Officers from Ashford are expected to be particularly busy on October 31 as the village of Pluckley is reportedly the country's most haunted place and there could be an influx of visitors.



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Simon Robinson explains why readers should oppose Boris Johnson's floating airport scheme off Kent's coast

So many reasons we can't allow Boris's plans to take off

BORIS Johnson's barmy Thames Estuary airport plan must never touch down.

The hare-brained £40 billion proposal has numerous fatal flaws, most of which are so blatantly, smack-in-the-face obvious a child could point them out.

The floating airport proposal has been criticised for being too expensive, impractical, environmentally and ecologically unsound, unfeasible, unwanted and a host of other bad words.

Furthermore, it fails miserably against any set of criterion you may wish to stack it up against. Let's just consider one or two of the main drawbacks to plopping a huge six runway airport off the Kent coast.

First things first, there's the astronomical cost. With the £40 billion sum – that's £40,000 million or £40,000,000,000 – we could build the equivalent of ten London Heathrow Terminal 5's or buy Cristiano Ronaldo, the world's most expensive player, 500 times over.

Quite what we'd do with 500 Portuguese step-over merchants is another matter but that's beside the point.

Then there are the logistical issues.

The Mayor of London wants to build an airport in the middle of the Estuary, a few miles away from land. The airport would be served by two terminals, one in Kent, and one in Essex.

How would thousands of passengers get to and from these terminals each day?

They couldn't get there by car. Anyone who's tried to drive through Medway, Maidstone, Ashford, Canterbury, Dover or anywhere else around the county can vouch for the fact that the road network is on its knees.

Adding a few thousand extra cars to our roads is not only impractical, it's downright dangerous. And they won't get there by train either. Again, anyone who's been faced with a peak-time journey on Southeastern trains knows the carriages are already full to bursting and the customer satisfaction levels are somewhat short of 'acceptable', let alone 'good' or 'we need more passengers on board'.

Then you've got the ecological impact of building a six runway airport off Kent's wildlife-rich coast. This serene stretch is currently home to a whole host of migrating and breeding birds, many of which are rare or protected.

For all these reasons, and many, many more, Medway Council, Kent County Council and the RSPB have joined forces to oppose the plans. The partners have set up a website – www.stopestuaryairport.com – which Yourmedway supports. There are whispers around Whitehall that the mayor's estuary airport plans are simply political grandstanding of the highest order, diverting attention away from further developing London's airports ahead of next year's London elections.

But let's not take the risk. It's up to us to send a clear message to Boris that Kent does not want his airport.

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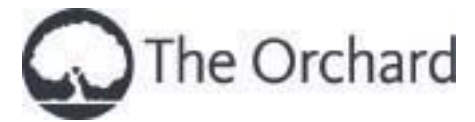
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TALK TIME

KIM HILLS

Kim Hills Kent Highway Services' head of community operations talks to us about keeping Kent's roads safe throughout winter



How was last year's weather when it came to keeping the roads clear?

Last winter was one of the wettest and coldest for over a decade. Due to our planning and preparations the majority of our roads were kept open, snow was cleared and we had enough salt in stock to carry out non-stop, night time salting. We are well prepared for the coming winter ahead.

How do you decide whether to send out the lorries or keep them in the depot?

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This year I believe you are using new technology to keep the roads clear?

We will be using a new pre-wet salt system on some of our roads. The salt is sprayed with water as it comes out of the back of the lorry. This means that it sticks to the road better and does not get blown away by the wind. It also means that we do not have to use as much salt. We estimate this system uses about 30 per cent less.

Are there alternatives to using salt?

There are materials which have been used on airport runways but they are more expensive and we could not afford to use them on the miles of road in Kent.

YOUR LETTERS

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Do we really need a book that looks at Woolworths 99 years of history? asks Gary Wright

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I will not miss tacky Woolworths

I can't believe someone has taken the time to write a book about Woolworths. Like Gary Wright, I will not bemoan its passing, and look forward to the end of the recession when new shops move in to take its place.

Everything about Woolworths seemed tacky, the cheap toys and homeware, the over-stacked, chaotic shelves, the creaky wood-effect laminate flooring.

It is hardly surprising the company has been one of the recession's most prominent victims. The only odd thing is the number of people who seem to have held the failed business in such high regard.

Kevin May, Herne Bay

There is a sense of nostalgia about loss

Thanks Gary Wright for drawing attention to 'The Wonder of Woolies'. It was an interesting blog, but unlike you, I can see why people of a certain age feel a



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certain amount of nostalgia for Woolworths.

While I agree that towards the end the chain had "lost its way" (it would be foolish to deny this given its collapse!), when it first started Woolies was a new kind

of store.

These were the days before supermarkets, oft cited as a reason for Woolworths' demise, when having a number of products under one roof was a real novelty.

Hence, Woolies will always hold particular memories for some people, despite the rather gaudy, cheap and cheerful image of later years.

Mary Graham, Whitstable

Fraud fears over cash-free car parks dismissed

By JENNY ARDREIGH... Fraud fears over cash-free car parks dismissed... The Kent Road Weather Forecast is a service provided by Kent Highway Services. It is a service that provides information on the weather and road conditions in Kent. It is a service that is used by many people who are driving in Kent. It is a service that is used by many people who are driving in Kent.

Parking plan could steer away tourists

Sorry Canterbury council, but I didn't find your refutation of Julia Freeman's concerns over the cash free parking scheme very convincing.

Claiming it couldn't happen because the voice and branding are very recognisable is all very well... certainly someone living in the city who had seen the signs before would be suspicious if the branding suddenly changed over night without warning.

But something is only recognisable if you've seen it before! What about the thousands of visitors who come to the city each summer?

How on earth are they going to tell whether the signs have been changed or not?

And the quickest way to ruin someone's holiday - and ensure they never visit the city again - is by allowing tourists to be defrauded.

I think a more robust approach to tackling the issue is needed.

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Scrine closure begs many questions

There are signs over the pedestrian underpasses in the city centre instructing us to give our money to a recognised charity, because begging is illegal. But what sort of society is ours, when begging is allowed to exist in the first place? Having just discovered that the Scrine Foundation is to close, I have to wonder what sort of society we live in. How can we allow hundreds of people to live in dire need under the shadow of a House of God? Where is the compassion of Christ in the city that is the centre of Christianity in England? Christian or not, "Love thy neighbour" is a rule which our society the country over has chosen to ignore in favour of selfish materialism, and it would be for the best if we all embraced it and took a

long hard look at our priorities, in order to give these people a roof over their head as is their right as human beings and equals.

Jean White, by email



Let's give people something to do

Jenny Armstrong's article on page 4 last week raised some good points, and the scene described is one which will be familiar to many people living in the city.

But the problem we have is that the city centre residents are so hostile to more businesses opening later that many are probably put off even applying for later hours.

Yet if more cafes and shops were allowed to stay open later, we might have a bit more peace as people discover there is more they can do with their evenings than simply drink themselves into oblivion.

The comparison with Oxford was a good case in point.

I think we need to identify businesses who would genuinely offer an alternative night time economy to our present booze-fuelled one.

But this won't happen if residents just say "no" all the time, and things will stay as they are.

Gavin Richards, Canterbury

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The Walpole has two excellent bars with the restaurant bar lounge and terrace open from 7am each day, serving delicious home-cooked meals.

Breakfast is available until 9.30am and dinner is served between 7pm and 9pm daily.

The menu now includes options for smoked salmon and caviar.

Traditional Sunday luncheons are served at

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Pre-booking is required for breakfast, dinner and Sunday lunch, and special dietary requirements can be catered for, but staff should be told when bookings are made.

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touch of Japanese chilli oil. Black tiger prawns in yellow curry with coconut milk, asparagus, mangetout, baby corn and pineapple is a third dish which has set patrons' mouths watering. The Yoshi Sushi bar is also ideal for a lunch stop for Christmas shoppers.

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**HEADLINER:** Zane Lowe covers the musical spectrum

BY SIMON ROBINSON

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The straggly-bearded MTV presenter and third most annoying Radio 1 host* will take to The Loft nightclub's decks on Saturday, November 7.

Mr Lowe is joined on the bill by fellow BBC staffers Andy George and Jaymo, as well as Mixmag DJs I Am One and Matt Cox.

A spokesman for organisers 666 said they were looking forward to welcoming the night's headliner to Maidstone.

"This will be Zane Lowe's second performance in Maidstone following his immense set at last year's Radio 1 Big Weekend, and as one of the most in-demand DJs on the planet, this is a tremendous coup for Kent's number one music club," he said.

"Anyone who listens to Zane's outstanding Radio 1 show knows he covers the entire musical spectrum, and we expect his DJ set to be no different as he headlines one of the biggest nights ever at The Loft.

"This event will sell out, so buy your ticket early to avoid missing out."

The line-up also includes big-hitting DJs such as Friction and Technicolour.

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The Beeb has a proud history in employing musical 'Mr Marmites'; the love 'em or loathe them types – the DJs who are to radio what Jeremy Kyle is to television.

And these three men together – Messrs Lowe, Moyles and Westwood – ensure my radio dial never reaches the dark, dark figures of 97 to 99 fm.

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So why do we have an obnoxious northerner (Moyles) and his partner-in-crime 'comedy' Dave, a privately-educated, middle-class Anglican bishop's son turned hip-hop/grime know-it-all and drive-by shooting victim (Westwood) and a sickeningly sycophantic indie/dance DJ (Lowe) polluting our airwaves? Just my opinion, mind.

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ALESHA DIXON 
Friday, November 6
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CHAMPION dancer Alesha Dixon returns to the stage next week to perform for fans in Kent.

Since winning BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in 2007, Dixon has become a national sweetheart and her pop career has soared.

This year she was invited to return to the show as a judge, replacing Arlene Phillips on the panel, alongside Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood. Now a staple part of Saturday night television, Dixon, 31, is back on the road to entertain fans with her music.

Born in Hertfordshire, Dixon's early ambition was to become a PE teacher and she had been due to study at the sport-intensive Loughborough University.

But one fateful day she embarked on a train journey that would change her life – after being approached twice by music industry professionals who wanted to know if she could sing, Dixon decided to investigate a new career.

While taking dance lessons, she met Sabrina Washington, who joined her in the line-up of Mis-Teeq, an R&B girl group who would take the charts by storm in the early 2000s with hits such as Why?, All I Want, B With Me and Scandalous. The group disbanded in 2005 and Dixon achieved moderate success in the early stages of her solo career.

Dixon experienced a personal low when she discovered that her husband, MC Harvey of So Solid Crew, had been having an affair with Popstars The Rivals star Javine Hylton.

Combined with professional worries, this led to Dixon suffering from depression for several weeks before music turned her life around once again.

When she was asked to compete in Strictly Come Dancing in 2007, she amazed viewers with her warm personality and natural flair on the



dance-floor. Dixon was reportedly nervous about taking part in the show but, along with professional partner Matthew Cutler, she wowed audiences and the notoriously hard-to-please judges with her sizzling salsa and riotous rumba.

Her singing career also picked up

pace and she achieved two top-five singles with The Boy Does Nothing and Breathe Slow, while her album, The Alesha Show, went platinum this summer with sales of more than 300,000 copies.

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Friday, October 30
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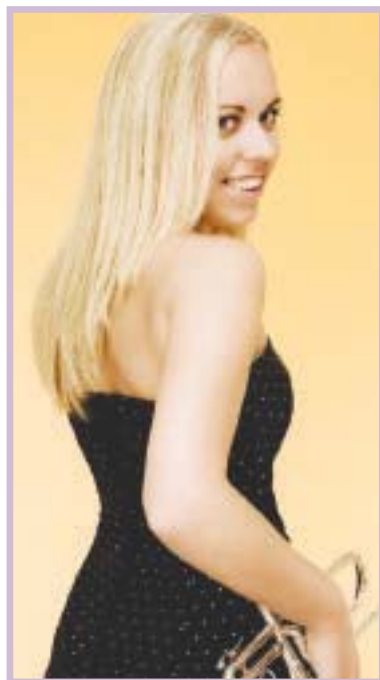
The Trondheim Soloists are joined by 22-year-old trumpet sensation Tine Thing Helseth (pictured), who is a major name among the new generation of brass soloists who bring focus and flair to the discipline.

The Norwegian trumpeter has many international performances and awards behind her and is already making a big noise in her field. She started playing the trumpet at the age of seven, building up an extensive repertoire of orchestral, recital and chamber music.

After winning second prize in the 2006 Eurovision Young Musicians finale in Vienna, she was named Newcomer of the Year at the Norwegian Grammy Awards.

Helseth will be performing with the Trondheim Soloists, Norway's Grammy-nominated ensemble which was selected as Editor's Choice in Gramophone Magazine.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and is sponsored by the Canterbury Festival Foundation (Friends) and The Seary Foundation. Tickets are priced from £8 to £20. To book call 01227 787787 or visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.



POTTED PIRATES

Saturday, October 31
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



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There is lots of audience participation in this swash-buckling show, which earned rave reviews at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Following the success of Potted Potter, CBBC double act Dan and Jeff have compressed another caper and will be giving their swift slant on Treasure Island, Blackbeard, Sir Francis Drake and a spectacular re-enactment of the Spanish Armada.

Jeff is determined to take this pirating business seriously, but Dan is more concerned with shaking his booty than shivering his timbers. Will Jeff let Dan play the role of Jack Sparrow and



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The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £8/£6 on the door. For more information visit www.orangestreetmusic.com. Find out more about The Noise Next Door by visiting their website at www.thenoisnextdoor.co.uk.

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Piven finally gets chance to show us all The Goods

■ BY LISA WILLIAMS

JEREMY Piven must feel like the three-time bridesmaid who has finally made it down the aisle as a bride.

After all, the actor has carved out a sturdy career playing supporting roles in films such as Grosse Pointe Blanc, Old School and RocknRolla, and now, at the age of 44, he has finally landed a lead film role, as smooth-talking car salesman Don Ready in the comedy The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard.

"It was like sticking around the party for a little bit longer," Piven says about playing the lead. "It was a great thing for me, and I feel like I've been practising that for at least 20 years and so that's maybe why I have something to offer. Whether I'm carrying the movie or not, it doesn't matter, but to carve out that lead role is a great gift and I'd love to continue that."

The casting choice could be down, in part, to Piven having made a name for himself playing ruthless Hollywood agent Ari Gold in US TV series Entourage.

Some of Ari can even be seen in The Goods' Don Ready, who lives for work and will do anything and say anything to sell a car.

He leads a crack team of sales specialists who spend their lives on the road, travelling to whichever car showroom needs to rejuvenate its sales. But this isn't a film about sales techniques, rather about the friendship between Don's motley crew and his own personal journey as he begins to question his commitment-shy nomadic ways.

It is also packed with shocking jokes and one-liners. Don's team-mate Babs, played by Kathryn Jahn, falls in love with a ten-year-old, a Korean salesman gets beaten up by his colleagues in an apparent 'hate crime' and sever-



IN THE LEAD: Jeremy Piven stars in controversial role

al scenes are set in the salacious surroundings of a strip club.

Piven stands by the humour, despite complaints from some about its lack of taste.

"I really thought it was all very funny, I was not offended," he says earnestly.

But one line in particular, in which Babs declares what she would do if Don pulls off a hard sell (too rude to be repeated here), almost got Piven into trouble at a screening.

"I was watching the movie with Tony Romo, the American football player, and when he heard Babs's line, he choked," says Piven.

"He was eating chips and he was laughing so hard, he started choking. I thought I'd killed Tony Romo. Here it would be like killing David Beckham – it was a scary moment."

Piven's easy-going manner and gift for comic timing may be one of the reasons he has landed friends such as the aforementioned sportsman, as well as John Cusack, Dustin Hoffman

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and rapper Common.

But on the whole, Piven remains guarded about his private life, preferring to offer up a joke or an anecdote than to speak frankly about his personal affairs.

Is this a deliberate move?

"Yes, I think it is," Piven admits.

"If you parade your private life in public I think it robs you of your anonymity and I don't know how healthy that is.

"I'm just trying to figure out a way to be a decent person and a working actor."

That said, he is frank enough to admit that he is "single right now".

"I'm absolutely looking for someone – why not?" he adds, offering hope to the many who swoon at his swarthy good looks.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

PEEP SHOW Channel 4, 10pm, Friday

IT'S taken me a while to get into Peep Show, but I'm glad I have.

I came to it late, about halfway through series five, but was instantly hooked.

Goodness alone knows why I had neglected it before – I'd heard people singing its praises for years, but it was just one of those things I never got round to, a bit like re-tiling the bathroom.

Each week we meet Mark Corrigan and Jeremy Osborne, two of life's losers, who inhabit a tower-block flat in London together, more out of obligation to an old, stilted friendship forged at university rather than through actual choice.

The 'El Dude Brothers' (which they occasionally refer to themselves as) constantly wind each other up and generally rue their lot in life but stick together anyway to face what it throws at them.

Mark, played by David Mitchell, is a reasonably nice guy who just wants to settle down with a cup of tea and play a game of Risk, safe in the knowledge that he has a decent pension plan in place, but nothing ever goes quite right for him.

He has got the wrong woman pregnant, lives in fear of his charismatic but possibly unhinged boss Alan Johnson and wishes he could turn back time so he could live happily ever after with work colleague Dobby, a female fellow geek for whom he carries a torch.

Jeremy, played by Robert Webb, is a far less agreeable character whose selfishness and workshy nature know no bounds, although his band-mate Super Hans makes him look like a saint.



ODD COUPLE: David Mitchell and Robert Webb star as losers Mark and Jeremy in Peep Show

The two trundle forward, meeting ever-more obnoxious people along the way, as Mark dreams of an equitable life and Jeremy of impending rock superstardom.

While you find sympathy with Mark's plight, Jeremy seems to get just what he deserves.

What sets this apart from other sitcoms is the internal monologue of the two main characters as they try to scheme and bluff their way through the day as best they can.

What they're thinking is always funnier than what's being said out loud.

The clever part is that millions of us can identify with rarely being able to say what's actually on your mind.

This dynamic is the vital cog here and in particular Mitchell's contributions stand out.

All of this series, and the entire previous series, are available to watch on Channel 4's On Demand internet service if, like me, you didn't have the brain to tune in many years ago.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
IMPROVING your qualifications should be your first priority in the coming weeks. If your boss offers to pay your tuition, seize the opportunity. Being able to study a subject that has always fascinated you will prove fulfilling. It will also open some exciting new career doors.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
THESE days jobs are few and far between. Fortunately, you've always been a conscientious worker so you can find steady employment. It's just a matter of stressing your record and work ethic. If you go for a job interview, to ask a prospective employer to hire you on a trial basis.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
YOUR powers of concentration are at an all-time high. This would be a great time to acquire a valuable skill. It may take a couple of years to master it, but when you do you'll be able to write your own ticket as far as jobs are concerned. Seek out an instructor with whom you connect.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU'RE starting a solitary phase, preferring your own company to mingling with crowds. If a living arrangement hasn't been working, you may decide to get your own place. Alternatively, you could move to a secluded rural area after having inhibited a bustling city.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
PUTTING away money for loved ones has become increasingly important. Providing a secure financial base is your main motivation. Even if you're not flush with cash you can put a small percentage of your income into a savings. The gesture will speak volumes to loved ones.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
RELAXATION will be increasingly difficult. You've had so many responsibilities; you've got used to running a constant round of errands. Force yourself to take regular breaks. Even enjoying long weekends away will restore your sense of well-being.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
LONG-term financial planning is essential to your peace of mind. You've always been a practical person. Knowing you have cash reserves will help you to take more risks on the romantic and creative fronts. If money is tight right now, you'll learn to live on a budget.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOU'VE always had a huge crowd of friends, but don't be surprised if your social circle starts to tighten. Maintaining all these relationships has become impossible. You'd rather spend quality time with a few quality people than be run ragged among casual acquaintances.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
LIVING up to an agreement is very important. If you don't have the money to fulfil a legal settlement, approach the involved parties. Explain your situation and be prepared to back up your claims. Together you can hammer out an arrangement better suited to your current position.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
DEVOTION to family could keep you anchored to home. Moving back to your place of birth is a strong possibility. If you're given a beautiful family heirloom, be sure to put it to use. Don't save it for special occasions. Seeing this item will give you a warm sense of security.

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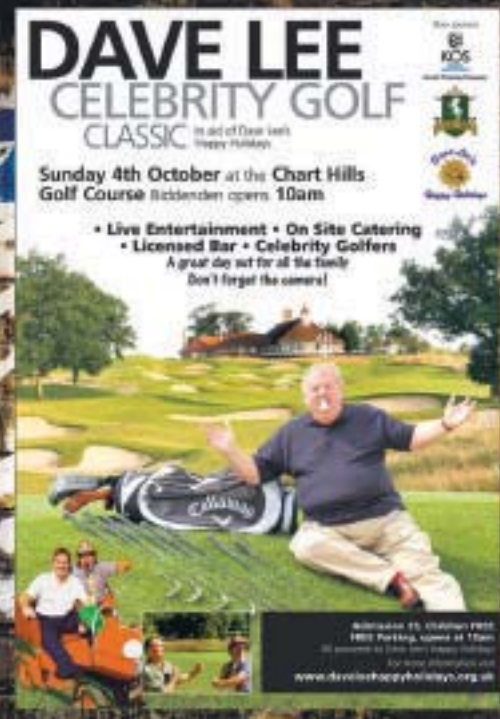
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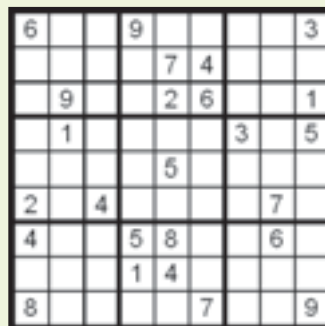
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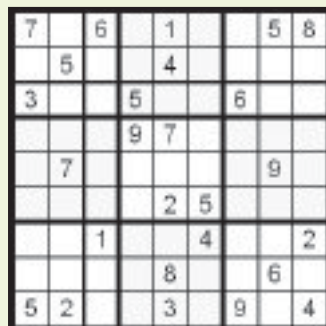
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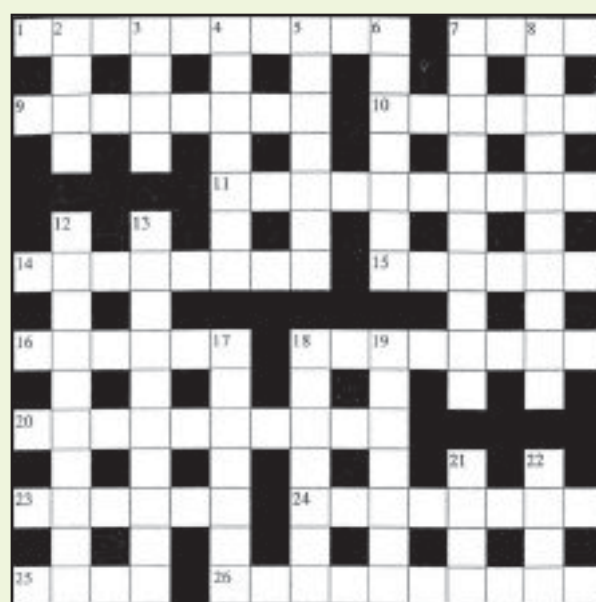
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- 1 Penny entered cut that had been reduced at time of landing (10)
7 Leg-pull, short-cut after half-hour (4)
9 Ward for accident-prone child? (8)
10 In truth remarkable livery (6)
11 Active diminutive lady has house-plant (4,6)
14 Monthly? Imposingly (8)
15 Pulled US journalist (6)
16 Seaweed, pronouncedly icy, on fungus (6)
18 Go-between reached agencies' high point (8)
20 It costs the traveller nothing (4,6)
23 Bach and Elgar included another composer (6)
24 Bird's pale headgear (8)
25 Support one in pen (4)
26 Tourist who does not fall over at night? (3-7)

DOWN

- 2 A pet playing with fuel (4)
3 One weird flower (4)
4 A politician in shed having fish (7)
5 Body's losing head, sure to turn up in epic (7)
6 Something new found in cracker (7)
7 Level line soaring interminably (10)
8 Greatest ever depression, this depth has never been reached before (3-4,3)
12 Urgent, a jug ordered from lorry (10)
13 One of 28 parts of a week? (7-3)
17 The French youngster outside was discouraged (7)
18 Advance, create established routine (4,3)
19 It's more crazy having Dorothy on the level (7)
21 & 22 Eek! Speak about souvenir (8)

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ACROSS

- 1 Dachshund (7,3)
7 Brandish (4)
9 Register one's departure from work (5,3)
10 Stinging plant (6)
11 Speechless (10)
14 Splinted (anag.) (5,3)
15 Scanty (6)
16 Sir (6)
18 Parasol (8)
20 Whimsicality (10)
23 Senior journalist (6)
24 Taken into the body (8)
25 Reptile (abbrev.) (4)
26 Linger (5-5)

DOWN

- 2 Spindle (4)
3 Draw into the mouth (4)
4 Tynesider (7)
5 Slandered (7)
6 First OT book (7)
7 Flawless (10)
8 Old bicycle (10)
12 High kick in rugby (2-3-5)
13 Nationalistic (10)
17 Instructed (7)
18 Particular (7)
19 Bouquet (7)
21 Continent (4)
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Feeling bonnie about Edinburgh

■ BY CLAIRE WALKER

IN the relaxing surroundings of my room, it was easy to see why the five-star hotel is so popular with celebrities stopping off in Scotland's capital city.

The Scotsman is a short walk from Waverley Station, barely four-and-a-half hours by train from London, and close to the many landmarks of The Royal Mile. All the big names in fashion have a base here, including grand Harvey Nichols in St Andrew Square.

The Scotsman has followed Edinburgh's ethos: enhance the old and embrace the new by teaming traditional elegance with contemporary class to create an exclusive yet rather warm and welcoming environment.

The city is famed for its dramatic beauty, and our spacious suite afforded a captivating 180-degree view to the east, taking in the imposing outline of Calton Hill and the blue waters of the Firth of Forth in the distance.

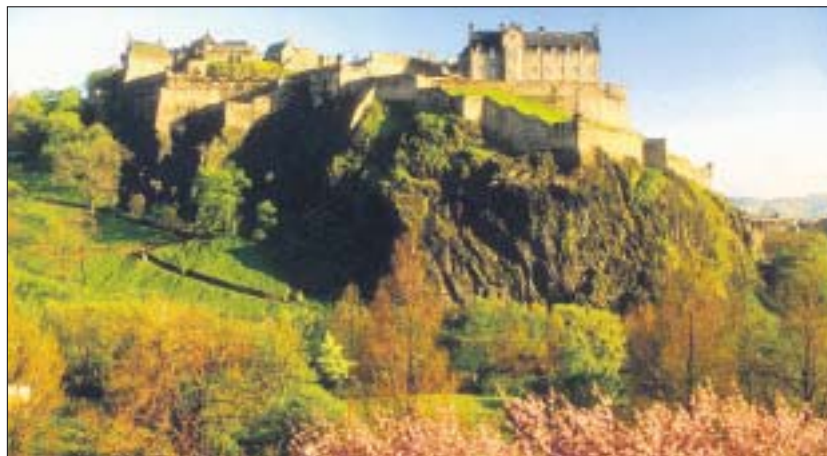
After a morning in the city I visited the spa for some well-deserved pampering.

The spa, like the hotel, is exclusive but not intimidating. I chose the Indocean body treatment, and despite sporting little more than paper pants, felt entirely relaxed in the warm and comforting treatment room.

Leaving the luxury lifestyle of the hotel might be a chore, but there are too many world-famous landmarks nearby to ignore.

Just a stone's throw away from the hotel is The Royal Mile, with Edinburgh Castle at the western end and the amazing Scottish Parliament building in the opposite direction, at the top end of Canongate.

Having stormed the castle on countless occasions as a child, I instead paid my first visit to



SCENE TO BELIEVE IT: Edinburgh is famed for its dramatic beauty and has lots to offer visitors all through the year

the High Street's second-most famous structure, St Giles Cathedral.

With its stunning architecture and famed crown spire, it's an impressive sight even for non-believers.

As I wandered through narrow closes and hidden courtyards I could imagine myself living in the days of legendary poet Robert Burns, infamous businessman/burglar Deacon Brodie and the tragically faithful Skye Terrier Greyfriars Bobby.

It wasn't long before the dreich Scottish weather prevailed of course. My sanctuary from the rain, for another memorable vista of Auld Reekie's iconic skyline, was the cocktail bar on the fourth floor of the city's Harvey Nichols store.

The summer months may be primetime for festival-goers, but for a luxury break with

plenty to do, Edinburgh has year-round appeal.

With children in tow, you must explore the Castle, for a unique insight into Scotland's history.

Free guided tours are recommended for first-time visitors, or you can simply wander around, losing yourself in the many winding corridors and turrets and taking in the spectacular views of the Firth of Forth as you stand atop the castle ramparts.

The walk up to the castle crosses the medieval Old Town, but the whole city is full of quirky little streets, jam-packed with independent shops and galleries.

Edinburgh also has The National Galleries of Scotland, an obvious choice for visiting art lovers, while fans of modern art find The Fruitmarket Gallery a big highlight.

FACT FILE: EDINBURGH

Time difference	0 (GMT)
Capital	of Scotland
Language	English
Population	800,000
Currency	Sterling
Religion	Christian

Travel Facts

Claire Walker was a guest of The Scotsman Hotel, which offers B&B from £140 per night. Reservations: 0131 556 5565 and reservations@thes Scotsmanhotel.co.uk. See www.theetoncollection.com for more details. Visit Scotland is promoting Edinburgh short breaks until November 30, starting at three nights for £99 per person. Full details at www.visitscotland.com/autumn. Enquiries: 0845 225 5121 and info@visitscotland.com.

This publicly-funded exhibition space houses world-class art by international artists and homegrown talent, in an easily-accessible and welcoming atmosphere – free of charge.

Those short on time can explore the city by open-top bus, but by far the best way to see it is on foot.

A hike up Arthur's Seat blows the cobwebs away, and the views from the top of this extinct volcano make the effort worthwhile.

Start your walk from beside Holyrood Palace and take the route over the Salisbury Crags before rewarding yourself with a well-earned rest at The Sheep's Heid Inn, famed for bar lunches, and its skittle alley.

In the well-to-do West End, search out Falko Konditorei, a German bakery which uses traditional handcrafted methods to create some of the best cakes in the city.

After a first taste of Edinburgh, you'll be back to discover more.

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Developer's emphasis on picturesque plans

HILLREED Homes is proud to have what it calls "picturesque policy" for street scenes in new developments that highlight the landscape.

An example of the company's design policy can be seen at Highland Park, Green Fields Lane, Ashford.

This is a large development offering a wide range of homes, several of which are built on a gentle hillside so many owners benefit from spectacular views across the surrounding area.

"Providing homes in pleasant settings is part of Hillreed Home's policy," said marketing manager Jo Richards.

A spokesman for the company added: "The high-speed train is offering tremendous potential to open up the region, providing super-fast commuting to central London.

"The Channel Tunnel is equally accessible, with shops aplenty in Ashford backed up by easy-to-reach Maidstone.

"This is the area in which to invest as Government money is pumped into this highly desirable south-eastern part of the UK."

Buy-to-let market shows it's back in the groove

THE property slump which saw buy-to-let mortgages drop out of the market is now in a healthier state and they are coming back.

Hopes are growing that lenders may soon be starting to offer buy-to-let loans as demand for rental properties holds up.

Moneysupermarket.com reports the number of enquiries about buy-to-let mortgages has risen by almost 50 per cent in the last year.

However, there are now 70 per cent fewer products on the market.

Hannah Mercedes-Shenfield, at moneysupermarket, said: "With significantly fewer products left on the market and high interest rates attached to those available we could potentially have a ticking buy-to-let timebomb on our hands – the need for rental housing is increasing, but there may not be enough landlords to cater for this demand."

There is good news to report despite downturn

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Kent property market recorded an encouraging performance during 2008/09 despite the downturn, according to the latest Kent Property Market Report.

The report, launched to an audience of almost 200 property professionals at Ashford International Hotel, reveals that despite the challenging economic climate, office rental values in the county remained stable, growing by 0.4 per cent in comparison with the UK average, which fell by 3.8 per cent.

Kent Property Market Report, written by Kent County Council and property experts Cluttons LLP, is produced by investment promotion agency Locate in Kent.

It reviews property performance and major deals in Kent in the financial year April 2008 to March 2009 and provides insight into residential, retail and regeneration programmes and, for the first time, the rural property market.

Ashford is already benefiting from Southeastern's preview high-speed rail services, meaning journeys from Ashford International Station into London take only 37 minutes.

The launch of full services in December is likely to fuel further investment and growth in the town, pointing towards a positive and encouraging economic outlook.

Paul Carter, leader of KCC, said: "This report shows that Kent is resilient and is coming out of this recession fighting. Kent has fared well in comparison to the rest of the UK. At KCC we see regeneration as a major responsibility.

"We will continue to invest in roads, schools and major regeneration schemes such as those in Ashford.

"And as a county we must take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the arrival of high-speed rail services to Kent."

Ashford's Growth Area development strategy is making good progress, which includes planning approval for Victoria Way, a proposed



ENCOURAGING: The county has fared well over 2008/09 according to the latest Kent Property Market Report

new road that will improve access to the station and the town centre. The variety of regeneration projects in the town show encouraging signs for the future and included the mixed-use development Elwick Place, a new commercial office quarter near the train station and the new Herald building at Eureka Park.

Alison Owen, partner at Cluttons LLP, said: "Property developers have proved flexible this year in response to demand and are focusing efforts on smaller-unit schemes offering shorter-term lettings.

"Credit constraints are continuing to have an effect on both the residential and commercial property markets; however, the report shows that there continues to be an excellent supply of office space at affordable prices.

"Rural property assets have witnessed a real

resurgence in the last year, with investors looking for steady returns."

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "During the year, Locate in Kent recorded 246 new projects, representing an increase on last year, further proving that interest in Kent from UK and international investors remains strong.

"We will continue to aggressively target high-growth and high-value sectors, including financial and business services, software infrastructure technologies, life sciences and environmental technologies.

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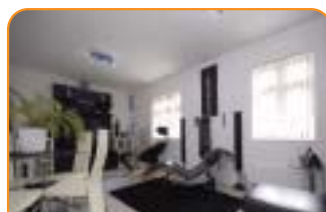
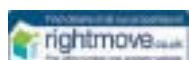
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GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **Q**

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **Q**

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **Q**

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453032 **Q**

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **Q**

STARRY NIGHTS Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair, enjoys swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878373 **Q**

WHAT YOU SEE... Young looking 36 year old, 5ft4, brown eyes, slim, one daughter, hard working, very sincere and caring, genuine, GSOH, seeks similar male 33-43. Rochester. Box 460307 **Q**

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **Q**

GALLOP AHEAD! Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children, enjoys drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **Q**

BE MINE Honest and caring woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes, I'm caring, honest and have 4 children, enjoys drives and horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159 **Q**

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, likes walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **Q**

JUST ONE QUESTION... A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873458 **Q**

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WANNA RIDE WITH YOU Curvaceous lady, 40, 5ft8, long curly hair, into motorbikes!! Single mum, seeks fun-loving bike fan for rides into the sunset. Eastbourne. Box 458787 **Q**

YOUNG-AT-HEART Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun, mature relationship. Box 901893 **Q**

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TLC ON OFFER Bubbly, happy, going 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, WLTm like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271 **Q**

PRETTY IN PINK Feminine lady, 41, no children some pets, like pink, pop music, astrology, dining out, dancing and singing, collectibles, seeking a man with a nice sch. Box 460397 **Q**

BETWEEN US Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **Q**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **Q**

LOVE IS ALL AROUND Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 **Q**

HELLO EVERYONE! Single downer, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 **Q**

HAPPY TIMES ARE HERE TO STAY Single mum, 42, 5ft6, likes fun nights out, cinema, meals out, cuddles and kisses, looking for a fun-loving gent to share happy times with. Ashford Box 459692 **Q**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Audrey here, I live in Seaford, and WLTm caring man. I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous, and love animals, cooking, music, film, countryside. Box 872159 **Q**

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348 **Q**

A CHANCE FOR ROMANCE Energetic 43yr old female, 5'9", short dark hair/blue eyes, slim, have grown up daughter, love the outdoors, cooking, good food, music, days out, country walks... Medway. Box 456988 **Q**

TALL ORDER Curvy lady, 5ft9, 45yrs old, blonde hair/green eyes, I live in Deal in Kent, I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456202 **Q**

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **Q**

ACTIVE TYPE Lively, energetic fun loving mum, 42, 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair, hazel eyes, WLTm honest, fun, mixed race/black gent, for lasting relationship. Box 451819 **Q**

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128 **Q**

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465 **Q**

LOVE TO MEET YOU Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, likes gardening, socialising, travel, walks, looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464 **Q**

STARTING OVER Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes, hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 **Q**

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE GSOH, honest, romantic and reliable woman, 45, dark blonde hair/blue eyes, WLTm honest and reliable man 40-55, likes reading, cooking, walks, theatre, animals. Box 457521 **Q**

TOO MUCH TO ASK? Divorced lady, 45, young looking, blonde, 5ft5, I'm well travelled and have many interests. WLTm black or mixed race, loving man for LTR. Chatham. Box 459246 **Q**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **Q**

MY PRINCE? Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSOH, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872961 **Q**

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life: country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build, WLTm genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 **Q**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **Q**

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 442592 **Q**

TWO LOVELY LADIES UP FOR GRABS! Two bubbly divorced ladies, 49 and 50, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, eating, out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **Q**

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ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating, out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089 **Q**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **Q**

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914 **Q**

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **Q**

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HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE? Sincere female, 49, likes dogs, animals, country pursuits, seeks feminine woman for friendship, maybe more. Gillingham. Box 456805 **Q**

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FALLING FOR YOU Stocky male, 34, 6ft, dark hair/eyes, into rugby, formula 1, swimming, looking for a female for fun, friendship, hopefully a LTR. Seaford. Box 452558 **Q**

AS SOON AS YOU CAN Caring romantic guy, 35, gosh, likes going out with friends, long walks, reading, music, films and more... WLTm caring female for friendship leading to LTR. Eastbourne. Box 880813 **Q**

OUTDOOR TYPE Adventurous, very outgoing, romantic male, 35, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'7", looking for a feminine lady for fun times, friendship, 30-48, for friendship and maybe more. Box 875789 **Q**

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HAPPY GO LUCKY Stocky, 5ft7, 39, male, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out, seeking similar female, for loving times. Box 455764 **Q**

A MAN OF FEW WORDS, BUT MUCH LOVE Hi, 40yr old fun-loving male, looking to meet slim fun-loving female, looks unimportant, for hopeful LTR. Many hobbies and interests! Box 450819 **Q**

BEING WITH YOU I'm an honest, easygoing, young-looking, fit male, 40s, 5ft6, love live music, eating out, theatre, cinema and pubs, seeking a like-minded female. Box 893760 **Q**

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HIYA I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5ft8, short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football! Brighton. Box 450614 **Q**

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THE REAL THING Happy-go-lucky, fun-loving male, 42, 5ft8, brown eyes, medium build, likes nights out, stimulating fun, seeking a similar female for companionship. Box 441762 **Q**

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OVER TO YOU Down to earth, blue-eyed male, 58, 5ft8, likes fresh water fishing, the country side and home life, WLTm lady for a caring, loving relationship. Maidstone. Box 460448 **Q**

MOTORS NEWS



Dramatic new look for sixth generation Astra

VAUXHALL'S most dramatic Astra yet arrives in showrooms for December.

Styling echoing that of the Insignia launched earlier in 2009, is just part of the appeal. The sixth generation Astra also has a quality interior and even more class than its capable predecessor.

There is a revamped engine line-up including two feisty low capacity turbocharged petrol engines – more evidence of a fight back against diesel. A five-door Astra arrives first with a three-door and estate to follow.



Landie' proves to be a classic readers' pin-up

BRITISH classic, the Land Rover Defender, topped a readers' poll by What Car?

The magazine's editor Steve Fowler said: "The Land Rover Defender has always had a devoted following. It's far from the most sophisticated car on the road, but its no-nonsense approach and longevity are what our readers like most about it."

Other winners in the 2009 Reader Awards included: Fiat 500 (supermini), Jaguar XJ (executive/luxury), Audi A5 (coupé) and Mazda MX-5 (open-top).



Remote control driving is not such a bad idea

CARS that drive themselves can become reality within ten years, says a European project called SARTRE (Safe Road Trains for the Environment).

This technology alliance, led by UK automotive developer Ricardo and including Volvo Cars, believes road trains – particularly on motorways – can speed traffic flow and journey times, boost driver comfort and reduce accidents, fuel consumption and CO2 emissions with much of the technology already available.



RETRO CLASSIC: The stunning new-look Jaguar XF echoes the brand's old style 'grace and pace' and comes complete with the company's most powerful diesel engine so far

End of Groundhog Day nightmare for Jaguar

JAGUAR has broken free from an automotive Groundhog Day of years re-creating the styling of its 60s heyday.

Its middleweight XF (from £33,200) model re-wrote the style book last year – soon to be joined by an equally radical XJ.

It announced that Jaguar was ready to innovate again and the XF just got better too with the new 272bhp V6 3.0-litre S twin-turbodiesel (from £36,900) version tested here – Jaguar's most powerful diesel so far.

It might have escaped trad Jag styling, but the stunning new look echoes the brand's old style 'grace and pace' advertising.

The engine feels lively yet sensible too and shows how far diesel engines have come lately; there is a pleasing resonance more like a gutsy petrol unit and a smooth power delivery.

Most muscle comes from the larger turbo, with the smaller kicking in at 2,800rpm, enabling the car to be both Jaguar and pussy cat.

It responds with dismissive ease when called to overtake, whether the seamless six-speed auto gearbox is in standard or sport mode.

ROAD TEST JAGUAR XF

BY STEVE LOADER

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The latter tightens up throttle and steering response and is the perfect partner to manual selection via steering wheel paddles, allowing you to exploit the rear driven chassis' sure-footedness beneath a typically well-sorted ride quality.

But it is tempting to just idle around knowing the Jag can dash to 60mph in under six seconds yet, driven normally, average around 40mpg with CO2 emissions of 179g/km or road tax Band I (£175/yr) – impressive for a rapid and relatively big car.

A junior version of the same engine developing 237bhp rather than 271bhp is even more frugal yet still outperforms the 3.0-litre V6 petrol XF, which is only marginally cheaper – who is going to buy that now?

If that heresy rattles G 'n' T's down at the Jaguar gentlemen's club, then the XF interior should send the ice cubes into orbit.

It is emphatically not old style-style 'clubby' Jaguar. The use of wood is understated and the leather wears minimal stitching while the detail is techno. The control set all works beautifully and there is even a big boot and folding rear seat backs for longer loads – a far cry from the pinched back ends of those Groundhog Days.



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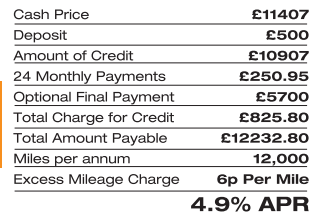
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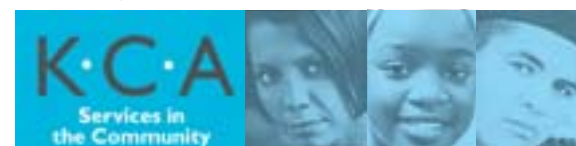
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Kent cool interest in Hoggard but still in hunt for a bowler

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT pulled out of the race to sign former England bowler Matthew Hoggard because the county felt he wouldn't add enough variety to their pace attack.

Yourcanterbury's sister newspaper Kent on Sunday exclusively revealed last week the county were interested in signing Hoggard after he was released by Yorkshire at the end of the season.

New head coach Paul Farbrace spoke to the 32-year-old paceman, before Leicestershire offered him a three-year deal at the beginning of the week, but despite a positive discussion, Kent pulled out of the running for his signature.

The former England and Yorkshire seamer would have been at the top end of Kent's wage scale and it's also unlikely they would have offered him a deal beyond two years – which are all factors that Farbrace and the cricket committee have been weighing up.

Farbrace said: "We didn't continue with that because of other options that are slightly better with what we have got to work with. The key thing is making sure we have enough variety in our attack. We had to look at the whole package, which includes how much we would have to pay."

"There's no doubt he is a quality bowler with



Picture: ADY KERRY

NO OFFER: After speaking to former England Test bowler Matthew Hoggard, Kent won't be following up their interest and head coach Paul Farbrace will be looking elsewhere

more than 600 first-class wickets, but for us we are looking to put a bit more variety in the bowling department."

While it appears Hoggard is likely to be plying his trade elsewhere, Farbrace, skipper Rob Key and coach Simon Willis have been closing in on other potential targets ahead of next summer.

The club have made no secret of wanting to bolster their bowling attack with Farbrace

telling this newspaper before his appointment as head coach, that quick bowlers would be targeted, whereas Key has hinted he would like a world-class spinner in the attack next summer.

As a result, Kent's new head coach wouldn't be drawn on where the club intends to strengthen, but did say they were making some progress in their search for an overseas star.

"Bowling is an area we are focusing our attention on and as we haven't got anyone nailed down yet, I wouldn't like to say what type of bowler we are after," he said. "As for an overseas, we are working on that and are making some progress, but it's difficult with the IPL and the Twenty20 World Cup following after that. We want to make sure if we get someone in that they can play at the start of the season."

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WHITSTABLE TOWN FOOTBALL FIXTURES

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Whitstable 1st XI v Corinthian Casuals
KO 3.00pm

City club fail to adapt to conditions

RUGBY

Canterbury 19 Henley 30

CANTERBURY paid the price for failing to master the weather conditions as they suffered a chastening defeat to the previously winless Henley.

A lack of tactical nous on their home turf proved costly in a game Canterbury would have expected to win comfortably.

Injuries deprived head coach Danny Vaughan of key trio Mike Melford, Pat Sykes and Matt Pinnick, but full-back Gert De Kock made a welcome return after a brief spell at Tonbridge Juddians.

The game was played in foul conditions as Merton Lane was besieged by gusty wind and rain. It was a day for adjusting your tactics to fit the weather, but Canterbury were unable to execute their plans.

Playing with the elements in the first half, all too often the home side made a mess of their kicking, with several clearing the dead ball line to let Henley off the hook. Their cause was not helped with an early yellow card for the returning Tom Rogers and an ankle injury which forced skipper Chris Hinkins off in the first 15 minutes.

Henley, who arrived rock bottom of the table, could scarcely believe their luck and



Picture: ION KIRKUP

OUT-THOUGHT: Canterbury (pictured) lost to bottom side Henley in awful conditions at Merton Lane

despite playing into the wind went in at half-time ahead. An unconverted try and penalty saw them lead before Ben Thomas reduced the deficit just before half-time. Phil Gibson kicked the conversion to make it 7-8.

Worse followed as Henley showed how to make the most of the wind in the second

half. They scored two tries to move clear but Nicky Woodbridge dived over to give the hosts hope. It was short-lived and two more tries for the visitors wrapped up the victory before Matt Sheen's late consolation.

• **Canterbury visit Worthing this Saturday.**

Town slammed by boss after bad away display

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Worthing 5

Williamsson 19 & 48, Brotherton 57 & pen 90, Johnson 85

Whitstable Town 0

WHITSTABLE Town manager Mark Munday has demanded his players take responsibility for the side's poor form after they were thrashed at Worthing on Saturday.

The Oystermen boss kept his side locked in the changing rooms for half an hour after the defeat, which saw them slip to the foot of the Ryman South table.

Munday told Yourcanterbury it was now or never for his underperforming side.

"It's up to them this week to prepare properly for the game," he said. "It's not desperate measures at the moment but the onus is on the players now, we need to pull our fingers out and turn boys into men."

"We wanted to tell the players to enjoy playing without fear, but the next two or three games we've got are must-win, it's as simple as that because we can't continue to lose games."

Munday made one change from the side



HAMMERED: Whitstable slipped to the bottom of the table with a performance manager Mark Munday described as "inept"

which began the 4-2 defeat to Fleet Town in midweek, with Dan Dolton coming in for Stuart Vahid.

Whitstable had the first chance when Dave Cory went through one-on-one with the goalkeeper, who saved at the striker's feet. Jake Gess also volleyed over and the visitors were left to rue the missed opportunities as Worthing eventually found their stride.

Ben Williamson's goal was all that separated the sides at half-time, but Town fell apart in

Whitstable starting XI



Subs used: Vahid (Dolton 51), Gooding (Wisker 66)

the second half. Williamson grabbed his second three minutes after the break and the game was as good as over when Jamie Brotherton made it 3-0 before the hour mark.

Ben Johnson added a fourth late on before goalkeeper Dylan MacVicker was sent off in injury time. With no reserve goalkeeper Jake Gess took the gloves but could not stop Brotherton's penalty.

Munday was scathing about the display, his side's seventh successive league defeat.

He said: "We competed well for 20 minutes but whenever the opposition gets any pressure we're capitulating. It shows our naivety and we're wet behind the ears. The second half was just a totally inept performance."

Town are working on two new signings to bolster the squad, but neither are expected to be completed before this weekend.

Whitstable visited Whyteleafe last night, log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk for the report.

FOOTBALL



WINNING WAYS: City's Anthony Searle in action

City slip to loss in Charity Shield

Bromley Green 1 Canterbury City 0

CANTERBURY City's mood after being beaten in the Kent Intermediate Charity Shield at Willesborough on Saturday reflected the weather: grey, damp and miserable. They were ousted by a single deflected shot that gave goalkeeper Rob Lindley no chance.

The last minute withdrawal of Dave Read, who aggravated an injury in the warm-up, and the absence of some first-team regulars put City at a disadvantage, but they did not expect to be beaten by a team a division beneath them. They played enough good football in the first half to expect that sooner or later striker Royston Gough's pace would tell. But Bromley Green's stubborn and well organised defence gave him few opportunities.

Chances were scarce for both sides in the first half. The City defence generally looked more composed than in some recent games, while Mark Rook chipped a shot close at the other end.

Most of City's best work was instigated by Craig Southern and Scott Lawford, who combined at a free-kick which the latter headed narrowly wide.

Bromley Green increased the pressure late on, hitting the post before, with seven minutes remaining, a shot from Mark Howells took a wicked deflection and put City out of their second cup competition this season.

Elsewhere, Herne Bay took charge of their Premier Division Cup first round tie at Holmesdale on Saturday, winning the first leg 2-1.

David Crofts scored his first goal for the club to put the visitors in front midway through the first half, but within a minute Dan Moody levelled the scores for the home side.

Crofts struck again 11 minutes into the second half and this time Bay were able to preserve their lead. The tie is decided at Winch's Field this Saturday.

LEAGUE TABLES (not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	11	7	2	2	+8	24
2 Fleet Town	12	7	2	3	+13	23
3 Mersham	13	7	2	4	+5	23
4 Godalming Town	11	7	1	3	+8	22
5 Worthing	11	7	0	4	+9	21
6 Croydon Athletic	10	5	4	1	+16	19
7 Chatham Town	11	5	2	4	0	17
8 Burgess Hill Town	11	5	1	5	0	16
9 Leatherhead	10	4	3	3	+3	15
10 Corinthian-Casuals	11	4	3	4	+2	15
11 Ramsgate	12	4	3	5	+2	15
12 Walton & Hersham	9	4	3	2	+2	15
13 Dulwich Hamlet	12	3	6	3	+1	15
14 Metropolitan Police	11	3	5	3	+2	13
15 Sittingbourne	9	3	4	2	+1	13
16 Whyteleafe	11	4	0	7	0	12
17 Walton Casuals	10	2	4	4	-3	10
18 Ashford Town	11	2	3	6	-20	9
19 Eastbourne Town	11	1	5	5	-7	8
20 Horsham YMCA	10	1	4	5	-10	7
21 Chipstead	11	1	4	6	-13	7
22 Whitstable Town	10	2	0	8	-19	6

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	10	9	1	0	+21	28
2 Herne Bay	9	6	1	2	+8	19
3 Erith & Belvedere	9	6	0	3	+4	18
4 Beckenham Town	9	5	1	3	+6	16
5 Greenwich Borough	10	4	3	3	+2	15
6 Erith Town	7	3	3	1	+6	12
7 Sevenoaks Town	9	3	3	3	+3	12
8 Fisher	11	3	2	6	-8	11
9 Holmesdale	9	3	1	5	-2	10
10 Sporting Bengal Utd	9	3	1	5	-12	10
11 Hythe Town	5	2	2	1	+8	8
12 Deal Town	7	2	2	3	-6	8
13 Tunbridge Wells	7	1	4	2	0	7
14 Norton Sports	9	2	1	6	-6	7
15 Corinthian	7	0	3	4	-11	3
16 Lordswood	7	0	2	5	-13	2

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Hollands & Blair	11	8	3	0	+14	27
2 Stansfeld O&B Club	11	7	2	2	+11	23
3 Bearsted	10	4	5	1	+7	17
4 Phoenix Sports	9	5	2	2	+6	17
5 Bly Spartans	10	5	0	5	+1	15
6 Sutton Athletic	8	4	2	2	+6	14
7 Snodland	9	4	2	3	+2	14
8 Fleet Leisure	9	3	4	2	+5	13
9 Canterbury City	9	4	1	4	-2	13
10 Tonbridge Invicta	10	3	3	4	-1	12
11 Coney Hall	10	4	0	6	-4	12
12 Rusthall	8	3	1	4	0	10
13 Milton & Fulston U	11	3	1	7	-17	10
14 Orpington	10	2	3	5	-11	9
15 Lewisham Borough	10	2	0	8	-13	6
16 Cray Valley (PM)	9	1	1	7	-4	4

FIXTURES (Saturday) Ryman Division One South: Whitstable Town v Corinthian Casuals; Kent League Premier Division Cup First Round Second Leg: Herne Bay v Holmesdale; Kent County League Premier Division: Canterbury City v Phoenix Sports

Browne finds the net in fine Canterbury win

HOCKEY

Canterbury men 2

Harleston Magpies men 1

KWAN Browne's prolific spell in front of goal continued as he fired Canterbury to a fifth win in six league games on Saturday.

The player/coach scored the decisive goal from a penalty corner two minutes before half-time for his seventh goal of the season.

Canterbury had earlier fallen behind as early as the sixth minute, but Ben Hare drew the sides level before the 15 minute mark. Browne netted to send the home side in ahead at the break and although his team could not add to their advantage, it was enough to secure the victory.

The victory kept Canterbury level on points with Conference East leaders Old Loughtonians, but the two sides now have a four-point lead on the chasing pack. Up next for Browne's side is a trip to fifth-placed Oxted this Sunday.

The club's ladies played out a thrilling finish to their game at Clifton, but again slipped further off the pace as they drew 2-2. All the goalscoring action came in the final 15 minutes, with the home side taking the lead through Fleur Horner.

Canterbury soon levelled through Natalie Seymour and they looked to have won the game when Jen Wilson put them ahead a minute from time. The drama continued and



WINNER: Kwan Browne was again on target

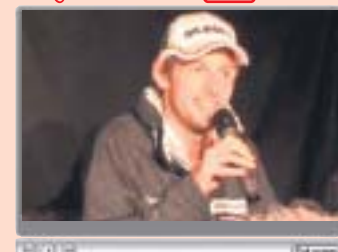
Leah Wilkinson converted a penalty corner in the final seconds to earn Clifton's first point of the season.

Ian Jennings' side are seventh in the Premier Division with just one win from six games. They host Bowdon Hightown at Polo Farm on Saturday.

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GP surgeries are located across eastern and coastal Kent. You can book an appointment with a GP surgery for medical problems. You can visit your home outside of opening hours by contacting your local surgery and follow the recorded message.

When and Why?

Make an appointment with your local GP surgery when you have an illness or injury that will not go away this winter.

Choosing well ensures that you get the treatment you need, and reduces the demand on emergency services.

For details of your nearest GP surgery call **0845 46 47** or visit **www.nhsdirect.co.uk**

Pharmacies are located across eastern and coastal Kent. They provide advice on common winter illnesses and the treatment of minor injuries.

When and Why?

Visit your local pharmacy when you are suffering from a common winter health problem which does not require being seen by a nurse or doctor.

Choosing well ensures you get the treatment you need in the shortest possible time, reducing the pressure on essential NHS services.

For details of your nearest pharmacy call **0845 46 47** or visit **www.nhsdirect.co.uk**

You can get advice and information by telephone, on the NHS Direct website or by text message 24 hours a day. You can also visit **www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk** or use the NHS Direct app on Sky Digital's interactive service.

When and Why?

Contact NHS Direct if you are ill and have any questions about health. The service can also help you to find health services in your local area.

Choosing well ensures you get expert advice in the shortest possible time, meaning busy NHS services can help those who need them most.

Self-care is the best choice to treat very minor illnesses and injuries.

When and Why?

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Choosing well ensures you receive the rest and recovery you need, meaning busy NHS services can help those who need them most. For advice on self care call **0845 46 47** or visit **www.nhsdirect.co.uk**

Why choose well?

During winter, more people get ill or are injured than at other times of the year.

This means that the services provided by the National Health Service (NHS) are needed more than ever.

This information will help you decide if you need medical attention if you get sick. It explains what each NHS service does, and when it should be used.

Choosing well means you will get the best treatment this winter. It also allows busy NHS services to help the people who need them most.

Useful information

There are some easy ways you can lower your risk of getting ill this winter:

- When you cough or sneeze use a tissue, and then put it in the bin and wash your hands.
- Stay warm by making sure your home is heated, and by wearing lots of layers of clothing.
- Have many hot meals and drinks to keep your temperature and strength up.
- If you smoke, consider quitting to improve your circulation and general health. In case you do get ill, it is good to be prepared with essential medicines:
 - Paracetamol or aspirin.
 - Anti-diarrhoeal medicine.
 - Oral rehydration mixture.
 - Indigestion remedy.
 - Plasters.
 - A thermometer.

Remember, if you need any extra advice contact NHS Direct:

0845 4647

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

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